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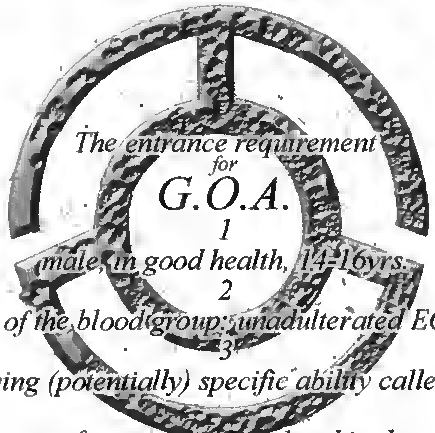

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KIZNA TOWRYK

Age 15, Blood type BX, 154cm, 7kg

The personal repairer for the practice fighter Zero pilots. Kizna wants to be Zero's equal and not inferior to him. Sometimes, Kizna talks like a man, but because of her jellonal personality, the other mechanic girls in her class look up to her. She has dexterous fingers and makes an excellent mechanic. She really likes sweet things.

TEELA ZAIN ELMES

Age 5, Blood type EO, 156cm, 42kg

The best of the five Goddesses and the only female pilot. Faithful to her task, Teela's fighting ability is frighteningly high. Nearly flawless, there are times when no one quite knows what she's thinking. Seeking perfection, she won't let herself feel the emotions of daily life. Her outward appearance has hardly changed since she saved the ten-year-old Zero, but no one knows why.

Always the top of the pilots, Teela has two EX. One is the same ability as Zero's. The other.

ERTS VIRNY COCTEAU

Age 11, Blood type EB, 138cm, 17kg

Orphaned very young and forced to enter the G.O.A., Erts is gentle and doesn't like to fight. His grades are very good. Erts is Zero's friend.

CLAY CLIFF FORTRAN

Age 5, Blood type EO, 155cm, 53kg

The class brain. Clay came to the G.O.A. not to be a pilot but to study and theorize. Interested in many different subjects. His catch phrase is "Very interesting."

HIEAD GNER

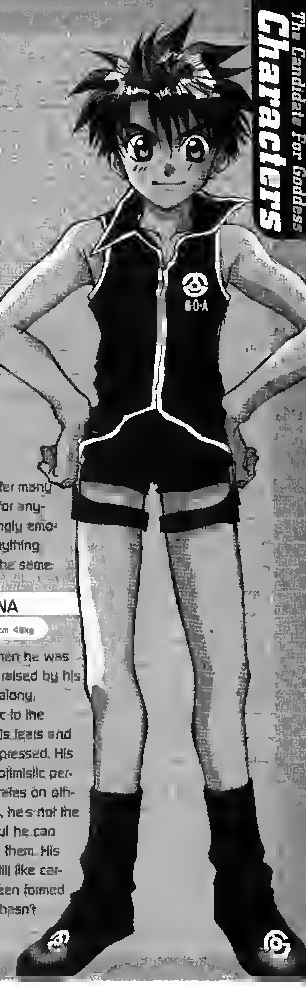
Age 15, Blood type EO, 160cm, 52kg

Orphaned in the war and forced to suffer many hardships, Hiead has a strong hatred for anyone raised in comfort. Cold and seemingly emotionless, he doesn't trust anyone or anything especially Zero. These rivals share the same EX abilities.

ZERO ENNA

Age 15, Blood type EO, 156cm, 48kg

Zero lost his father when he was very young and was raised by his mother on a remote colony. Cheerful and optimistic to the extreme, Zero hides his fears and refuses to ever be depressed. His straightforward and optimistic personality sometimes grates on others. A bit thickheaded, he's not the smartest candidate, but he can move with the best of them. His piloting abilities are still like carbon that hasn't yet been formed into a diamond. Zero hasn't yet mastered his EX.



女神戻補生

杉崎ゆきる

"We lost our planet.
We lost our home.
Our birthplace gone,
we were forced to roam.
We found the last planet,
we'll protect it at any cost.
We'll fight to keep it
safe from harm,
or the human race is lost."

RIOROUTE VILGYNA
Age: 7, Blood type: EB, 166cm, 57kg
Ingrid: AGUI KEAMEIA
Mechanic: PHILPHLEBIA DEEO (Age: 15, blood type: OK)
Rio is what's called a cheerful child, even though he has a rather arrogant personality. But he's usually the most gentle pilot and a quick-witted mover. He loves Guise like a kid. He always competes with Gar. He seems like a regular kid, but he seriously only likes his mechanic, Philchlebia. Rio recognizes Teale as the leader. He tends to say "~ssu" A contraction of "desu" which indicates he's not showing as much respect as he should. Rio's body is fit and toned. He's the youth in a big family. His little brother, who is also skilled like EO, is enrolled in school under G.O.A.
GAREAS ELIOD
Age: 12, Blood type: BB, 176cm, 51kg
Ingrid: EEVA LEENA
Repairer: LEENA FUMURA (Age: 16, Blood type: AA)
Number 2 of the five Goddesses, he is in charge of attacking. When he's in the right mood, Gareas has matchless strength. When he's not, he can't hit the broad side of a barn. He doesn't like Teale (since she took his position as top pilot). Strong, quick-tempered, and violent, he has a rough way of speaking and acting and is constantly ignoring orders. Gareas is a womanizer who's always competing with Rio. The oldest of the pilots, he has a relatively strong build. Despite their vast differences, Gareas is good friends with Ernest.
He is submissive and kind to everyone, but he has a complicated side that, while being lonely, likes his solitude. With his polite, careful way of speaking, Ernest is always the mediator if something bad happens between the Candidates. His EX is teleporting, which has caused a hard time for him when associating with others. But after meeting Gar at G.O.A., he started to look at things positively. Ernest dislikes his EX and often wonders why he has it. In battle, he uses his EX to support the Ingrids so they can fight with 120% of their power, as well as being in charge of operations.
ERNEST CUORE
Age: 17, Blood type: EB, 178cm, 59kg
Ingrid: LUHMA KLEIN
Mechanic: RUNE YOUG (Age: 17, blood type: AB)
He's quiet and usually emotionless, but Yu is quite strong willed. Like Gar, he is also in charge of attacking. Because of his calm judgment, the other pilots have great trust in him (his skills are also top notch). He has a rather young face and light complexion, and has a small build. There are rumors to the effect that, while enrolled in G.O.A., he nearly killed his instructor. When his home colony was attacked by Giselshe, he and his sister Kazuhi were rescued by the previous five Goddesses. To him, the most precious thing is his only family, his little sister.
YU HIKURA
Age: 16, Blood type: BO, 160cm, 48kg
Ingrid: TELLIA KALLISTO
Mechanic: KAZUHIHIKURA (Age: 8, Blood type: OK)

"LOOK AT ME."
ZERO?
"FIND ME."
WELL? HOW'S IT GOING?
KIZNA, IT'S KINDA HARD TO SEE...
THERE'S TOO MUCH NOISE. CAN'T YOU FILTER IT?
YEAH. WORKING ON IT NOW. WAIT A SECOND.
"THE 'ME' THAT IS [illegible] INTO YOU SEVERAL TIMES~~..."
ZION
...IT'S A PRETTY BLUE JUST CONDITION.
M&H 00 ZERO
COOL. YOU'RE REALLY GETTING ALONG WITH "HER".
YEAH. 'BOUT TIME.

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M&H 01 CHANCE 029
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M&H 03 HERE I AM 097
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M.H
ZERO

MOM ...
HE'S STILL OUTSIDE!
PLEASE LET ME THROUGH ...
OH, NO. HE HAS TO BE HERE.
M-MY SON!!
REI-!!!
Move back. Shelter three now closing. We have reached full capacity.
MOM!!
STARLOG: YEAR 502
STAR SYSTEM: 21 NN
DISTRICT: 128
K-01 COLONY
THEY DESTROYED THE NORTHERN DISTRICT.
WHERE'S A SHELTER? I NEED A SHELTER!
OH, MY GOD. THE GISEISHA!!
GET OUT OF HERE!
REI!
REI?! WHERE ARE YOU?
HELP!

KLEIN, IS ZION ALRIGHT?
IT SHOULD BE, TEELA.
THE VICTIM ISN'T CONFIRMED YET. WE'RE NOT ALL HERE. AHH, THERE'S THE LAST ONE.
ALL WORLDS HAVE BEEN DESTROYED
EXCEPT FOR ONE ZION
IT'LL BE ALL RIGHT.
IT WON'T... IT CAN'T LAST LONG
ONE DAY, MANKIND WILL FINALLY REACH ZION
AND ON THAT DAY, MANKIND WILL ONCE AGAIN BE HOME
ABOUT TIME, KEAMEIA, SHIELD!
ROGER THAT. OPENING THE SHIELD OVER AREA
JUST DO YOUR JOB, OKAY?
WON'S LEVEL TWO?
UNTIL THEN, ZION HAS TO BE PROTECTED AT ALL COSTS.
BY WHATEVER MEANS NECESSARY.
THEN LET'S DO IT!
EEVA'S ENERGY IS FINISHED LOADING
KALLISTO, PREPARE FOR COMBAT.

THERE IT IS.
I-IT'S NOT...
...POSSIBLE...
THE GISEISHA--- THE "VICTIM"---
THOUSANDS OF WORLDS DIED THAT DAY, INCLUDING THEIR OWN.
FOUR PLANETARY SYSTEMS WERE INSTANTLY DESTROYED.
STARDATE 4088. MANKIND, THROUGH ITS OWN MANY MISTAKES, GAVE RISE TO THE CRISIS OF SYSTEMS LOST PROPERTY.
THIS CAN'T BE HAPPENING.
---THEY'RE TRYING TO ABSORB THE COLONY.
WITHOUT A HOME, WHAT WAS LEFT OF MANKIND TOOK TO SPACE...
...AND WERE FORCED TO LIVE IN COLONIES.

...
MANKIND'S LAST HOPE.
THIS IS IT BEGIN THE ATTACK...
REMEMBER OUR MISSION IS TO PREVENT THE GIGEISH FROM EVER REACHING ZION...

THEY'RE HERE. THE GISEISHA ARE HERE.
W-WE'RE SO FAR FROM ANY-THING...
...WHY ARE THEY ATTACKING US?
PLEASE SOME-ONE... ANYONE —WE NEED HELP
WHY AREN'T THE FIVE GODDESSES SAVING US?!
THEY'D NEVER COME TO A PLACE LIKE THIS

A WHITE ROBOT?! WHAT IS IT?!
OH MY GOD! IT'S A "GODDESS" !!
THE FIVE GOD-DESSES ARE HERE!!
THE FIVE GODDESS-ES?!

WOW! AWESOME!
IS THAT ZION?!
WHAT?
ARE YOU ALWAYS SUCH A JERK?
THE FUTURE ...?
OR...
GOD
REFU CHINJI
A DREAM ?
WHAAAATTT?!
!!
ALL ERRORS CORRECT-ED. SHIELD IS COM-PLETE.
WE'RE COMING FOR YOU.
DON'T RUN AWAY, DISEMBO-WA.
ALL BATTLE PREPARA-TIONS READY!

I MADE SURE YOU'LL BE TAKEN CARE OF.
MOM... PLEASE DON'T WORRY.
THEY'RE HERE TO PICK ME UP.
LATER, MOM.
I WON'T FORGET THAT!..AS LONG AS I LIVE.
I... STILL REMEMBER...

...THE NEW PILOT?
HELLO? ARE YOU
CALM DOWN, CALM DOWN! CALM DOWN!!
JUST KEEP THINKING, "I'M GOING TO BE A PILOT!"
I...
DON'T WANT TO BE A PILOT.
I'M AFRAID TO FIGHT
THE LAST PLANET.
THE LAST PLANET?
SINCE THE CRISIS OF SYSTEMS, THERE HAS BEEN A SCARCITY OF HUMANS WITH BLOOD TYPE EO
NO MATTER WHAT THAT BOY...
WHAT IS THIS...?!

TEELA ZAIN ELMES
age 15 type EO 156cm 42kg

I WILL BECOME A PILOT
THEN I'LL COME HOME!
KLAK
STARLOC 5030
STAR SYSTEM 21NN
DISTRICT 128
K-01 COLONY
ZERO ENN
BLOOD TYPE EO
OF FIFTEEN
EX CONFIRMED.
APPROVED
AS A NEW STUDENT
AT G.O.A.
AS A CANDIDATE FOR GODDESS--

ZERO-ENNA
AGE 1 EX - (∞)
I HEARD THAT A LONG TIME BEFORE I WAS BORN. HUMANS LIVED ON "PLANETS"
THEN CAME "THE CRISIS OF SYSTEMS" THERE WAS A BATTLE. THE PLANETS---ALL OF THEM THEY SAID--- WERE DESTROYED
No.01 CHANCE
EXCEPT FOR... "THE LAST PLANET."
EVER SINCE THAT HORRIBLE DAY, THOSE OF US WHO FLED INTO SPACE HAVE HAD NO WORLD TO RETURN TO
HOW IS IT POSSIBLE ...
THIS IS WHAT YOU CAME HERE FOR, RIGHT?
hit
YOU, CANDIDATE 88. TAKE A LOOK.
...THAT WE LIVED...
...IN THAT ROUND GLOBE?

I hear a voice
Inside hope and hesitation,
Your voice, calling me

I hear a sound.
Inside hope and emptiness,
Far away, nearby, from the end of the world

The flow of the wind over the earth
Quietly goes around the turning planet.

Static that is about to be cut off by consciousness,
Instead of all memories,
The light shines on the last memory,
As if to reach you, whom I have yet to see.

Look at me. Find me.
The me that is divided into you several times.

Today and tomorrow and even the future,
Even if I close my eyes,
I will look for you.

The flow of the wind over the earth
Quietly goes around the turning planet.

Find me, sleeping in the darkness.
Me, inside of you, to keep living.

Today and tomorrow and forever,
Even if everything is destroyed
I will look for you.

Today and tomorrow and even the future,
Even if I close my eyes,
I will look for you.

I will look for you

Mr.H
01 CHANCE

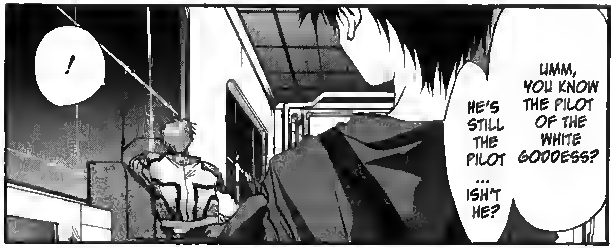
...A PILOT ?!
AND YOU STILL WANT TO BE...
WAIT A SECOND. THAT'S NOT IN YOUR DATA FILE.
YOU HAVE ZERO GRAVITY SICK-NESS!?!
BUT RIGHT WHEN WE TOOK OFF, MAN, I FELT REEEEALLY BAD
NOT GONNA HAPPEN I'M BETTER NOW.
NOT WANT TO. I'M GOING TO BE. NO MATTER WHAT!!
YOU CAN'T FIGHT DESTINY. I'M GOING TO BECOME A PILOT!
AND THIRD, EVEN I KNOW THAT THERE AREN'T A LOT OF PEOPLE LIKE ME.
SECOND, I HAVE AN EX. EVEN BETTER.
FIRST, MY BLOOD TYPE WAS CONFIRMED AS EO. PRETTY GOOD, HUH?

LOOK AT THAT! IT'S A PLANET IT'S A PLANET IT'S A REAL PLANET!
MAN! IT IS AWESOME !
IT'S ZION, ISN'T IT?
YOU'VE NEVER SEEN IT BEFORE?
OH, RIGHT.
YOU'RE FROM ONE OF THE REMOTES, AREN'T YOU?
SIGH! ALL THIS FROM SOMEONE WHO LOOKED LIKE HE WAS GONNA PUKE THE WHOLE TRIP.
HUH? WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
THIS IS THE FIRST TIME I EVER LEFT MY COLONY!

OUT.
IT'S UN-PLEAS-ANT IN HERE.
HEY, CANDIDATE 87, WHERE ARE YOU GOING?
NO NO NO! WE'RE GOING TO HAVE TO REIS-SUE THIS!
C'MON, GIVE IT BACK!
WEIRDO.
?
?
I WANT TO ASK YOU SOME-THING...
YEAH? GO ON!
UMMM ...SIR?
WHAT? WHAT DO YOU WANT?

おなはなはお
IT'S THAT SIMPLE!!
NOW, ALL THAT'S LEFT IS LEARN-ING HOW.
"All that's left"...
--
AH!!
UHH, YEAH. THAT'S WHY I DON'T WANT TO LOSE IT.
BUT WHY? WHY? YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE TO USE IT!
Give it back!
BUT I'LL LOSE IT IF I DON'T HANG IT AROUND MY NECK!
Are you crazy?
WHAT? Y-YOU PUT A HOLE IN YOUR ACCEPTANCE PASS?

I'LL NEVER FORGET IT, SIR.
IT WAS SO... INCREDIBLE.
IT WAS JUST LIKE...
...A GODDESS HAD TRULY DESCENDED.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HE'S STILL THE PILOT ... ISN'T HE?
UMM, YOU KNOW THE PILOT OF THE WHITE GOODESS?

IT'S MY DREAM ...
Ba-Dum
Ba-Dum
I LOOK AT HER AND... I GET THE CHILLS.
I WANT TO FIGHT ALONGSIDE THAT WHITE INGRID!! IT'S MY DREAM...

I'M CANDIDATE 89, SO I GUESS WE'RE IN THE SAME CLASS.
AND YOU--?
HI! I'M CLAY CLIFF FORTRAN, FROM COLONY K-03.
ROGER THAT, "ZERO". YOU CAN CALL ME CLAY.
ZERO, HMMM? THAT'S AN ODD NAME.
OH... I'M ZERO ENNA.
JUST CALL ME ZERO.
LOOK AT THEM...
SO MANY KIDS WANT TO BE PILOTS...
...BUT THERE ARE ONLY FIVE INGRIDS AND ONLY FIVE PILOTS.
Hmm. Very interesting indeed. So what colony are you from?
Well actually, it's Earth but they use the same kanji. So everyone just calls me Zero.
Kanji: Japanese system of writing based on borrowed or modified Chinese characters.

AH! OF COURSE. THE WHITE "INGRID."
IT'S ONLY THE BEST OF THE GODDESSES... WITH THE BEST PILOT.
A TRUE GODDESS AMONG GODDESSES
IT'S REALLY INTERESTING, BUT NOBODY KNOWS WHO MANUFACTURED IT OR WHEN.
BUT, UHH, ITS NAME...
...IS ERNN LATIES.

AND IT NOT ONLY HAS THE YOUNGEST PILOT, BUT THE ONLY FEMALE TO EVER PILOT AN INGRID.
IT'S ALL VERY INTER-ESTING, DON'T YOU THINK?
WHAT ...?
HUH? WAS I RAM-BLING AGAIN?
WELL, THAT'S ME. SORRY.

THIS IS THE ZION MOM WAS TALKING ABOUT?
IT REALLY IS A BEAUTIFUL PLANET.

AAAAHHH!
I CAN'T SEE ZION ANY-MORE!
AH! HEY, CANDIDATE 88!! DON'T JUST WANDER AROUND!!
I CAN'T LET IT OUT OF MY SIGHT!
THIS IS WHY...
I'LL BE RIGHT BACK.
HE CAN'T CONTAIN HIMSELF.
Very interesting.
SO MANY HOPES ARE GOING TO BE CRUSHED.
SO UNFAIR... SO UNFAIR.

MOM...
MOM, I...
I WANT TO BE A PILOT!!
IT'S BEEN FIVE YEARS SINCE THEN.
SOMEHOW, I MADE IT HERE.
IT TOOK UNTIL I WAS FIFTEEN BEFORE I WAS FINALLY ACCEPTED AS A STUDENT.
BECAUSE THAT'S WHEN MY EX FINALLY SHOWED ITSELF.
Clench
Clench
The entrance requirements for the Goddess Operator Academy G.O.A.:
To be a boy between 14 and 16
To have blood type EQ.
And to have the EX ability to become an Ingrid pilot

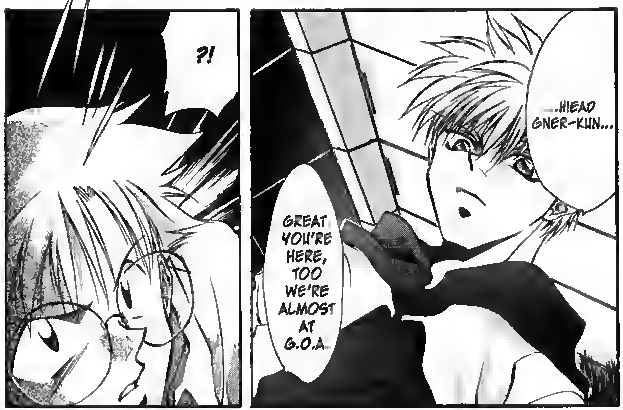
IIWA!!
IIWA WA!
WA?!
WHAT IS THIS?!
...OW
...OW WW...
AH!!
Mutter
ABOUT 300 FEET AWAY.
Mutter
THERE WERE TWO?!
IT'S THE CREEP FROM EARLIER!!

LOOKS LIKE IT... THEY GOT ANOTHER BIG ONE.
THE FIVE GODDESSES.
IT LOOKS LIKE IT HAPPENED ...TWO HOURS AGO?
THAT LIGHT AND SHOCKWAVE WAS THE "SACRED JUDGMENT."
WE'LL ENTER G.O.A. IN ABOUT TWENTY MINUTES.
THEN YOU'LL GET TO SEE THE GODDESSES.
WHAT DID I DO TO YOU?
WHAT DID YOU KICK ME FOR, YOU PSYCHO ?!
ACK !

HEY! WAIT! THAT WAS AN ACCIDENT. I DIDN'T MEAN--
I HEARD YOU EARLIER.
YOU'LL BE A PILOT. IT'S SIMPLE, YOU SAID.
UH...
AH...
YOU'RE SUCH AN IDIOT. HOW CAN YOU POSSIBLY UNDERSTAND?
...WHO CRASHED INTO ME.
YOU'RE THE ONE...
WHAT? WHEN!
YOU'LL NEVER MAKE IT HERE. SAVE YOURSELF THE TROUBLE.
LEAVE WHILE YOU CAN.
TREMBLE
TREMBLE
TREMBLE
OKAY. THAT DOES IT!
NOW I'M OFFICIALLY MAD.
STUPID CAT-EYED JERK!

DON'T DARE MESS WITH ME!!!

Twitch
MAN,MAN, I HAVEN'T DONE THAT IN SO LONG; I'M EXHAUSTED
WAAH!
UAH!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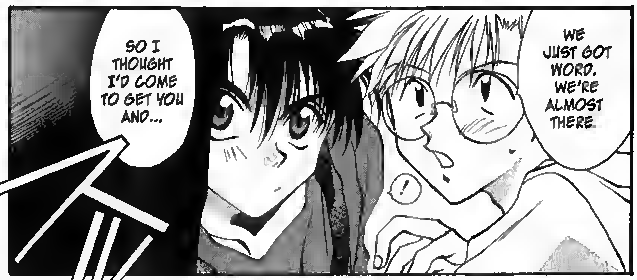
...HEAD GNER-KUN...
GREAT YOU'RE HERE, TOO WE'RE ALMOST AT G.O.A.

YOU DO REALIZE YOUR UNDERWEAR'S SHOWING?
Is that a fashion statement?
Or are you trying to flash us?
Now, I don't mind it when a girl flashes and I'm certainly not discriminating against you, but maybe you should cover up. I mean— Eeeuuuuu!
What a loser!
You suck!

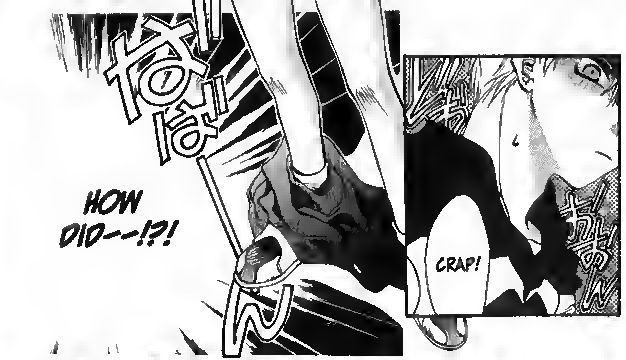
YOU?!
WOULD YOU PLEASE STOP SUDDENLY APPEARING RIGHT IN FRONT OF ME?!
I COULD HAVE HURT MYSELF OR EVEN YOU.
Well, excuse me!
I DIDN'T EXACTLY PLAN THAT, YOU KNOW.

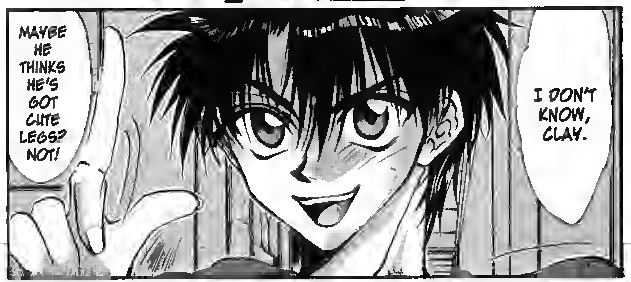
Thump

INTER-EST-ING.
—HMM.
APPEAR SUD-DENLY IN FRONT OF HIM?
Well if you're finished being rude, I actually came here to get you.
So what do you want?!


SO I THOUGHT I'D COME TO GET YOU AND...
WE JUST GOT WORD. WE'RE ALMOST THERE.

YOU DID THIS ?!
NOW,
TAKE BACK WHAT YOU SAID EARLIER!
LET'S CALM DOWN, HUH?
BOYS, BOYS, GENTLEMEN!
HUH?!
?!


HOW DID--!?!
CRAP!

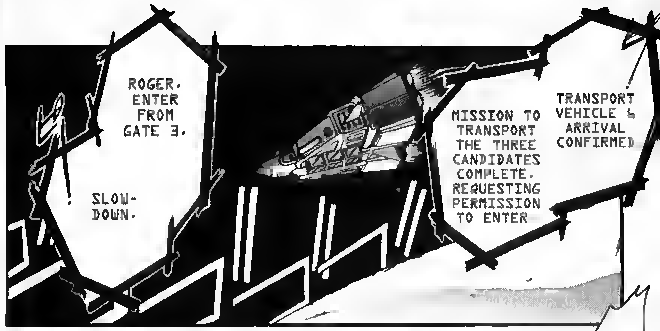

MAYBE HE THINKS HE'S GOT CUTE LEGS? NOT!
I DON'T KNOW, CLAY.

Pull

HUH?
WAIT!!

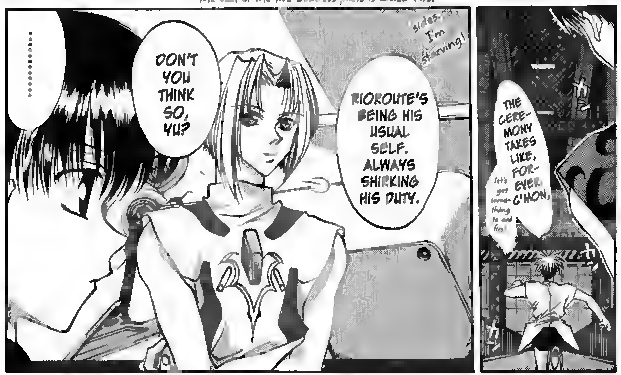
I DON'T CARE IF IT'S ONLY ONCE A YEAR, WHY DO THEY HAVE TO CALL US ALL THE WAY TO G.O.A.?
MAN, THIS IS A WASTE OF TIME.
YEAH. GUESS SO. STILL...
TELLING YOU, DUDE, THEY LIKE TO PROVE THEY'RE IN CHARGE.

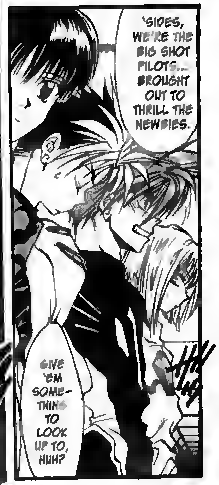
"G.O.A."!! THIS IS AWESOME!

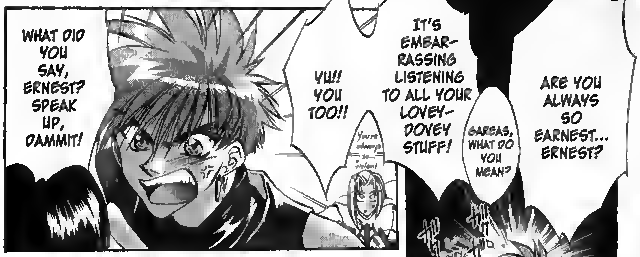

ROGER. ENTER FROM GATE 3.
SLOW-DOWN.
MISSION TO TRANSPORT THE THREE CANDIDATES COMPLETE. REQUESTING PERMISSION TO ENTER
TRANSPORT VEHICLE 4 ARRIVAL CONFIRMED

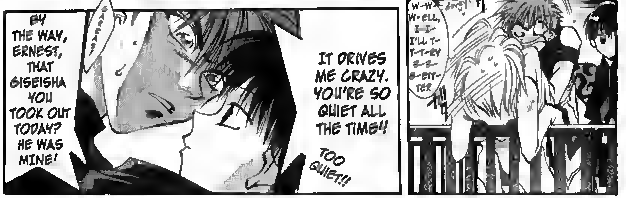
DUDE!!
WOW! G.O.A. !!
LOOK-AT-IT!! IT'S HUGE!! WOW!!
OF COURSE IT IS. HOW MANY PEOPLE DO YOU THINK LIVE HERE?
Hurry up, everyone. Get your luggage.

"The best of the five Goddess pilots is called First


DON'T YOU THINK SO, YU?
.....
BIOROUTE'S BEING HIS USUAL SELF. ALWAYS SHIRKING HIS DUTY.
sigh... I'm starving!
THE CEREMONY TAKES LIKE, FOREVER. C'MON,
let's get someone hiding to come for!



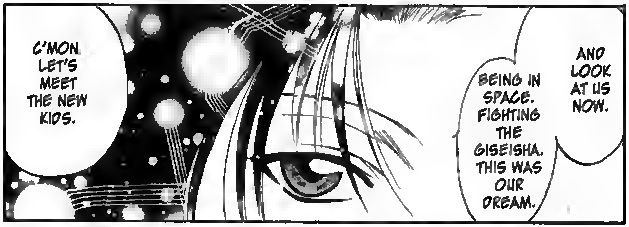

WHAT DID YOU SAY, ERNEST? SPEAK UP, DAMMIT!
YU!! YOU TOO!!
IT'S EMBARRASSING LISTENING TO ALL YOUR LOVEY-DOVEY STUFF!
GARGAS, WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
ARE YOU ALWAYS SO EARNEST... ERNEST?

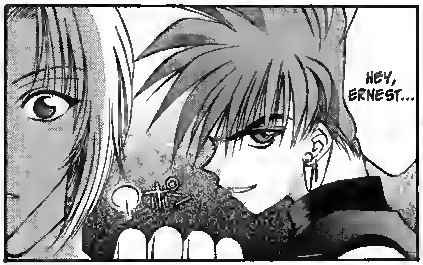

BY THE WAY, ERNEST, THAT GISEISHA YOU TOOK OUT TODAY? HE WAS MINE!
IT DRIVES ME CRAZY. YOU'RE SO QUIET ALL THE TIME!!
TOO QUIET!!

COULDN'T YOU HEAR ME?
HOW MANY TIMES DO I HAVE TO CALL YOU?

GA AAA AAA AAA AAA!
WHAT?!!
UMM, URRR-- LEENA'S CALLING YOU. UMMM, I MEAN, LITTLE LEENA.

...WHEN WE WERE JUST STUDENTS STUDYING TO BE INGRID PILOTS.
JUST LIKE THEM.
EVERY TIME I COME BACK HERE I REMEMBER...
BUT I STILL THINK THIS IS SPECIAL.


C'MON. LET'S MEET THE NEW KIDS.
BEING IN SPACE. FIGHTING THE GISEISHA. THIS WAS OUR DREAM.
AND LOOK AT US NOW.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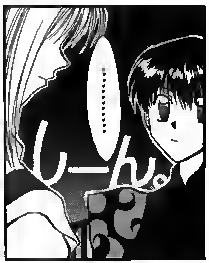
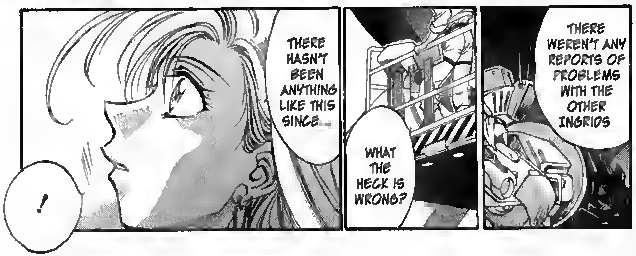

U—h。

YOU'LL CHECK HER OUT LATER?
WELL, I'LL TRY ADJUSTING HER ONE MORE TIME.
WHEN I HAVE TIME.

YOU UNDER-STAND?
IF THE PILOT AND THE INGRID ARE BOTH WORKED UP...
...IT'S LIKE A RUNAWAY CAR WITHOUT BRAKES

I KNOW, GAR!
OKAY, WE'RE OFF.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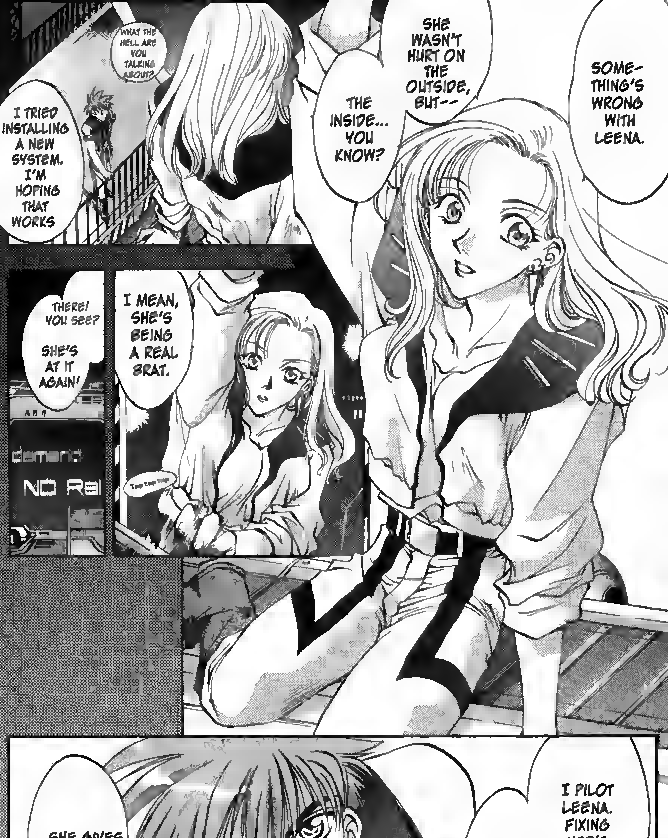
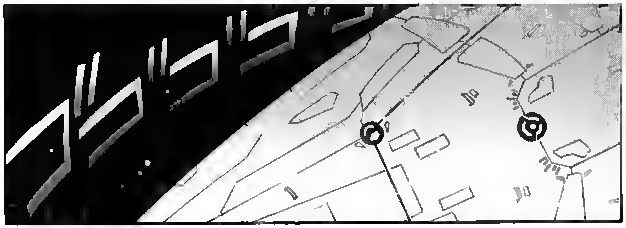
THERE HASN'T BEEN ANYTHING LIKE THIS SINCE...
WHAT THE HECK IS WRONG?
THERE WEREN'T ANY REPORTS OF PROBLEMS WITH THE OTHER INGRIDS


WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
I TRIED INSTALLING A NEW SYSTEM. I'M HOPING THAT WORKS
THE INSIDE... YOU KNOW?
SHE WASN'T HURT ON THE OUTSIDE, BUT--
SOME-THING'S WRONG WITH LEENA.
THERE! YOU SEE? SHE'S AT IT AGAIN!
I MEAN, SHE'S BEING A REAL BRAT.
Tap Tap Tap
...SHE GIVES ME NO PROBLEMS.
JUST MAKE SURE...
I PILOT LEENA. FIXING HER'S YOUR JOB.



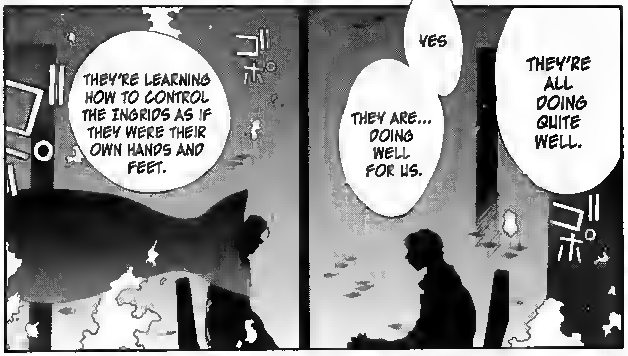
WELL, WELL... I NEVER THOUGHT YOU'D COME ALL THE WAY HERE IN PERSON.
WHAT BUSINESS DO YOU HAVE IN G.O.A.?

DR. C. REVOARD.

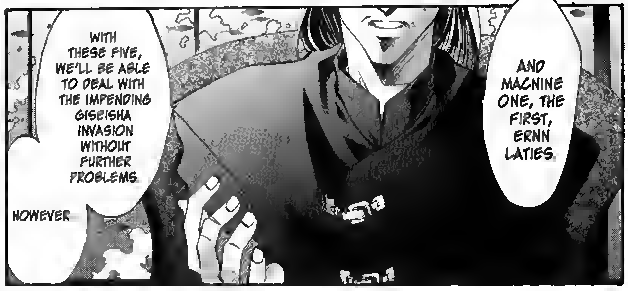
COME. SIT DOWN.
THERE'S A LOT TO TALK ABOUT.

.....

ONE WAY OR ANOTHER, PILOTS EVENTUALLY BECOME UNUSABLE
WE CANNOT AFFORD A VACANCY
THEY WILL NOT BE ABLE TO REMAIN PILOTS FOR VERY LONG. THERE IS THE POSSIBILITY OF DEATH, OR
THE DANGER THAT USING EX PUTS A TERRIBLE STRAIN ON THEM
IT'S THE VERY CORE OF WHAT G.O.A. STANDS FOR.
THAT GOES WITHOUT SAYING
WE NEED THE REPLACEMENT PILOTS TRAINED MORE QUICKLY.
EX-CELLENT.
...THE LAST PLANET.
WE CAN NOT AFFORD TO LOSE ...

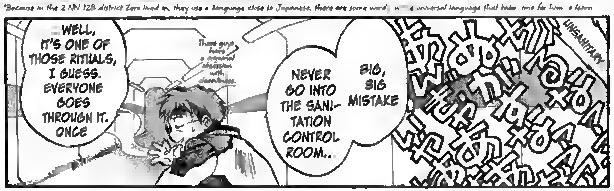

THEY'RE LEARNING HOW TO CONTROL THE INGRIDS AS IF THEY WERE THEIR OWN HANDS AND FEET.
YES
THEY ARE... DOING WELL FOR US.
THEY'RE ALL DOING QUITE WELL.

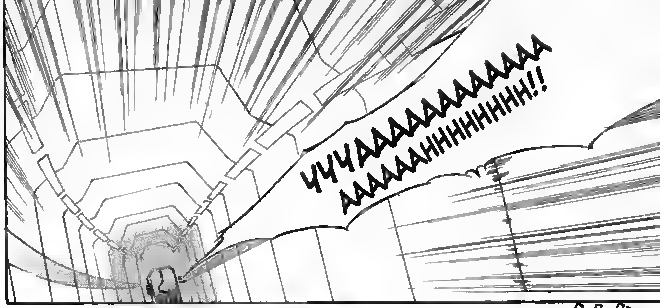
MACHINE FIVE, LUNMA KLEIN PILOT: ERNEST CHORE, AGE 17.
MACHINE FOUR, AOJI KEAMEIA. PILOT: RIOROUTE VILGYNA, AGE 16.
MACHINE THREE, TELLIA KALLISTO. PILOT: YU HIKURA, AGE 16.
MACHINE TWO, EEVA LEENA. PILOT: GAREAS ELIOD, AGE 17.

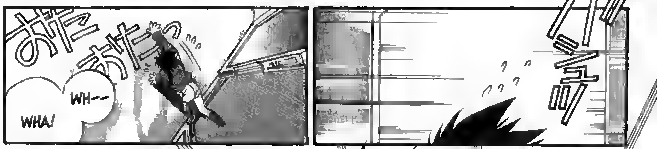

WITH THESE FIVE, WE'LL BE ABLE TO DEAL WITH THE IMPENDING GISEISHA INVASION WITHOUT FURTHER PROBLEMS.
HOWEVER
AND MACHINE ONE, THE FIRST, ERNN LATIES.

Cut it!
LOOK AT YOU, MAN. YOUR CLOTHES ARE FILTHY!!!
UNSANITARY!! UNSANITARY!!
AS THE SANITATION CHIEF OF G.O.A., I WILL NOT STAND FOR THIS!!
WHAT IS WITH THAT UNNATURALLY DISHEVELED HEAD OF HAIR?!
...EXCUSE ME?
Unsanitary?

*Because in the 2 ADI 12th district Zero lived in, they use a language close to Japanese, there are some words with a universal language that take time to learn a term

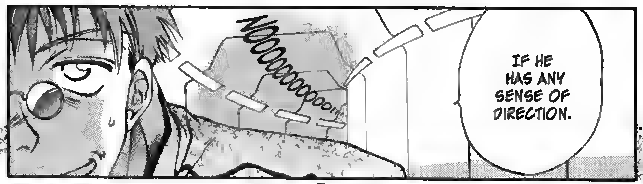

WELL, IT'S ONE OF THOSE RITUALS, I GUESS. EVERYONE GOES THROUGH IT. ONCE
NEVER GO INTO THE SANITATION CONTROL ROOM..
BIG, BIG MISTAKE
UNSANITARY

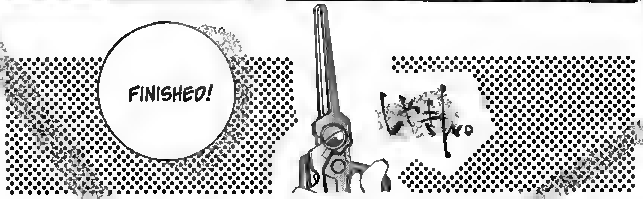




BLEEHH!
NEVER DOING THAT AGAIN
Our main character is discouraged
AND THIS WEIRD MARKING ON MY WRIST...
I DON'T LIKE IT.
DOES EVERYONE HAVE TO GO THROUGH THAT WHEN ENTERING G.O.A ...?
I HAVE TO BE A PILOT!!
NONO NONO NONO I CAN'T BREAK DOWN !!! I WON'T.
Our main character has recovered.

I TOLD HIM WHERE TO MEET US.
SO, WHERE IS HE?


IF HE HAS ANY SENSE OF DIRECTION.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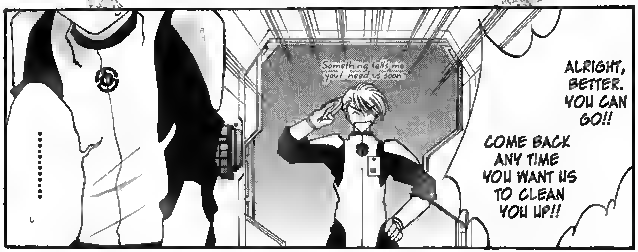
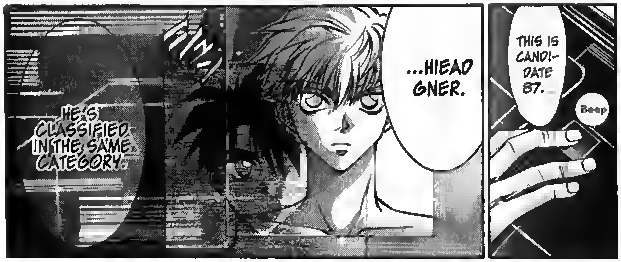
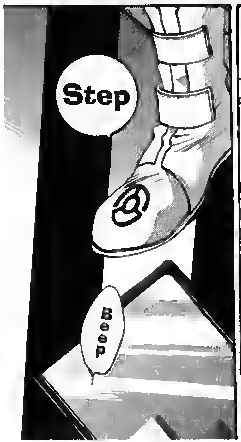
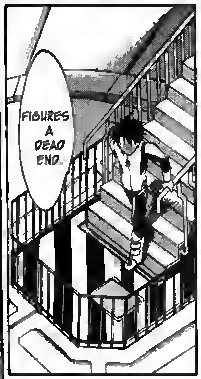

Something tells me you'll need us soon
ALRIGHT, BETTER. YOU CAN GO!!
COME BACK ANY TIME YOU WANT US TO CLEAN YOU UP!!

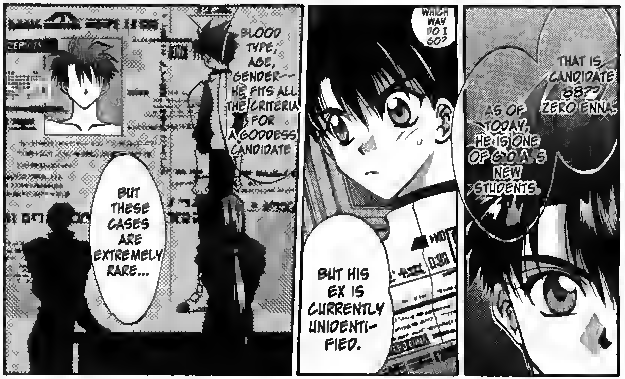


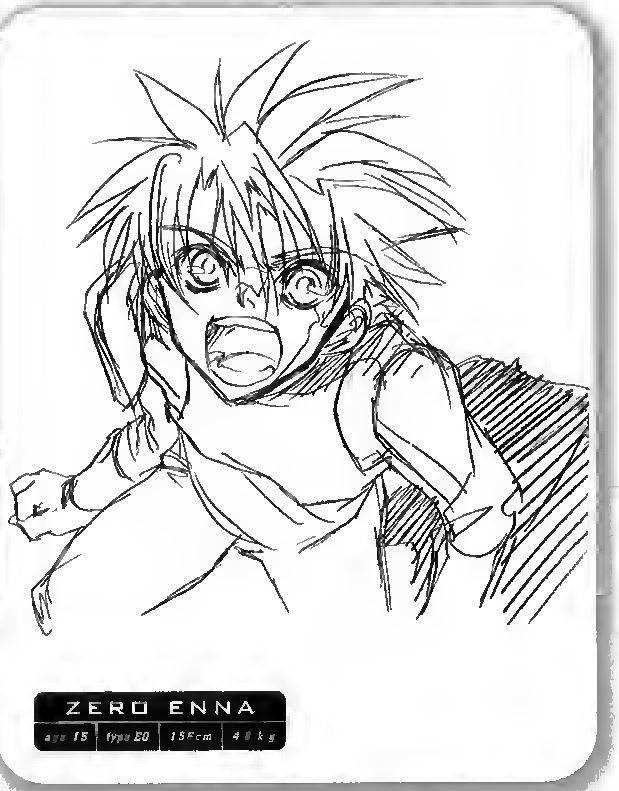
THEIR MIND WAVES ARE EXACTLY OPPOSITE.
DESPITE THAT SIMILARITY
BOTH THEIR NUMBERS ARE FRIGHTENINGLY CLOSE TO HER.
FIND ME.





Hey, where are you going...?


BLOOD TYPE, AGE, GENDER--HE FITS ALL THE CRITERIA FOR A GODDESS CANDIDATE
BUT THESE CASES ARE EXTREMELY RARE...
WHAT MAY I DO FOR YOU?
BUT HIS EX IS CURRENTLY UNIDENTI-FIED.
THAT IS CANDIDATE 887, ZERO ENNAS
AS OF TODAY, HE IS ONE OF G.O.A.'S NEW STUDENTS.


ZERO ENNA
age 15
type E0
155cm
4 8 kg

WHAT??
ACK! IT OPENED!
!

WHERE AM I?
WHA...

MY WISH...
...BECAME SO MUCH MORE.
Ding!
NO, IT WAS MORE LIKE A WISH. A WISH I HAD TO FULFILL.
Huh?
BUT...
Cheers
SINCE I CAN REMEMBER, I ALWAYS WANTED TO BE A PILOT
BUT I WASN'T SURE I COULD... I DIDN'T KNOW IF I SHOULD...
BUT DEEP INSIDE I HAD THIS DREAM...
THAT'S WHEN MY DREAM...
MEMO 02 - IF

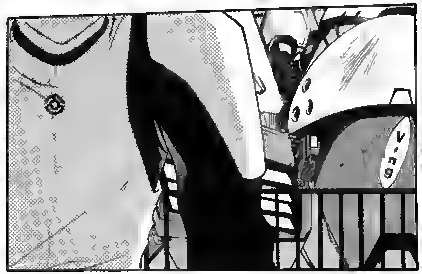
The Candidate for Goddess

THE DREAM IS NOW.
IT BECAME REAL. SO REAL I CAN NOW TOUCH IT.
"THE PILOT IS CONFIRMED"----
M.H 02 IF

THE CURRENT PILOTS WERE ALSO TRAINED AT G.O.A.
FOR EACH GODDESS THERE IS A PILOT AND A MECHANIC.
NGRIDS
ALSO KNOWN AS GODDESSES THE FIVE HUMANOID WAR MACHINES
CREATED TO PROTECT MANKIND'S LAST HOPE, THE PLANET ZION, FROM THE DISEISHA.
G·O·A
EVERYTHING THAT IS AT ALL IMPORTANT FOR THE GODDESS CANDIDATES BEGINS HERE AT G.O.A.--
...AWE...

IN THE PITCH-BLACK SKY THERE FLOATS A PURE WHITE SHIP.
IT IS
...THE GODDESS OPERATOR ACADEMY, ALSO KNOWN AS G.O.A.
G·O·A
WITH A CAPACITY OF 3000, IT IS CAPABLE OF HOLDING THE NGRIDS THAT ARE USED FOR PRACTICE BY EVEN THE LOWEST OF GODDESS CANDIDATES
HERE ARE GATHERED BOYS FROM EACH COLONY WHO POSSESS THE QUALIFICATIONS AND ABILITIES TO BECOME PILOTS.
HERE THE KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL TO BECOME PILOTS ARE DRILLED INTO THEM FOR THREE YEARS

THE WHITE ONE...
THE ALL-WHITE INGRID...
ONE IS MISSING


V-SSS

WAIT... WAIT...

PHEW. DONE!

...SOME...

THEY'RE HERE AT G.O.A.!
DUDE!!
THEY'RE THE ONES THAT SAVED OUR COLONY!!

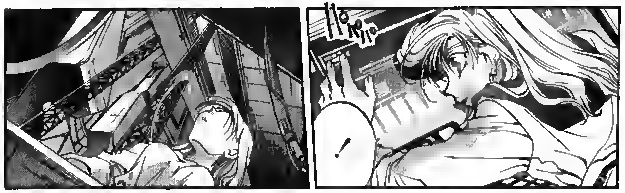
ONE...
TWO...
THREE...
FOUR ROBOTS

IT'S THE REAL THING...!
A REAL INGRID!

HUH? WHAT'S--
GAR...?
PILOT CONFIRMED
BEEP

AH!
NO MISTAKES. AS USUAL.
NOA AAA AAH! COME ON!
THERE CAN'T BE ERRORS IN THE HEART RATE SYSTEM. I FIXED IT.
EVERYTHING CHECKED AND RECHECKED.
ALL FIXED!!

YOU'RE JUST LIKE GAR...
SO WHY DON'T YOU LISTEN TO ME MORE?
LEENA -CHAN, YOU HAVE THE SAME NAME AS ME...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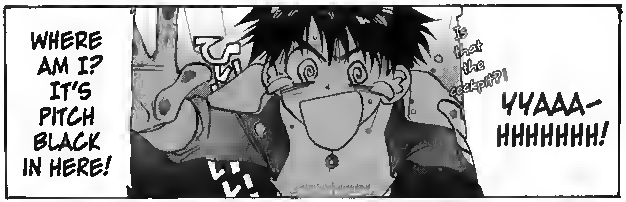
YOU'RE LATE AGAIN!
GAR!
HUH?
I NEEDED YOU. WHERE WERE YOU?
UH...
ERR...
KYAA!!
I DUNNO. I MEAN, I GOT LOST, AND...
WHO ARE YOU? WH-WH-WHY ARE YOU HERE?!
UMM, URRR... I DON'T... I MEAN, I....
Only authorized personnel can get in!
YYYA-AAAA-AAAAA!! HOW DID YOU GET IN HERE?

IT... IT...
THE G-GOODESS... IT OPENED?!
COOL.
DUDE...
HELLO? ANYONE HERE?

I DON'T KNOW HOW I GOT IN HERE!
AH!
HE'S GOING TO FALL... !!
Shoong!
WHA--?!
NO! N-NOT AGAIN!
I'M GOING THROUGH!
...OW!
YOU RUINED EVERYTHING. GET OUT OF THERE!!
OH, NO!!
ONLY GAR CAN...!!
HELLO??! TALK LOUDER!
I CAN'T HEAR YOU!!

HEY, WAIT. THERE'S BEEN A MISTAKE. I CAN'T BE THE PILOT?!
ERROR!
ERROR!
PILOT CONFIRMED
CONNECTING TO ALL THE NERVES
...UH!
Snick
Click
OHHHH, MAAAAANNNN!!
THIS IS WORSE THAN BEING NAUSEOUS!!
DO THEY DO THIS TO ALL THE CANDIDATES?

shrm!
This is ridiculous
FIRST THE VOICE PATTERN.


WHERE AM I? IT'S PITCH BLACK IN HERE!
Is that the cockpit?!
YYAAA-HHHHHHH!

CALCULATING...
F OF THE Z-SKIN
IRREGULAR
TYPE-EO
THE CANDIDATE FOR "GODDESS" ZERO-ENNA?
?!
LIGHT?
Beeeep
?

BEGINNING VISUAL CONNECTION
NERVE CONNECTION 80% COMPLETE POSSIBLE ERROR
MONITOR CONNECTION HEAD SCANNER OUTPUT 50% 70%
AH...
AH.../
ZZZZ
ZZZZ

SHIT... ONLY THE PILOTS SHOULD BE ABLE TO DO THAT!!
GOD, IF I DON'T STOP THIS SOON...
OH, NO. THE SCAN'S STARTED?!
...HE COULD DIE!!
PHYSICAL CONSTITUTION, CHARACTERISTICS, HABITS, NERVES, THOUGHT PROCESSES, EVEN PERSONALITIES
THE INGRIDS ARE SET TO THEIR PILOT'S EXACT SPECIFICATIONS.
IF AN OUTSIDER SUDDENLY CONNECTS TO HER
IS THIS WHAT A REAL GODDESS PILOT FEELS LIKE??!

A VOICE...
I HEAR A VOICE...
.. SOMETHING REALLY TERRIBLE JUST HAPPENED ...
Beneeep
AAAA..
AAAAAA

SOMETHING TERRIBLE...
DAMMIT, GAREAS! GET DOWN HERE RIGHT NOW!!
NORMAL SCAN... HOW CAN THIS BE? NO ERRORS ..?
!!
Shatter!
WHAT'S WRONG? WHAT'S GOING ON??!
DAMN. THE FORCED ABORT WON'T WORK!
!!

IS IT THE PLANET WE HAVEN'T YET FOUND OUT?
A PLANET... I SEE A PLANET...
THE LAST PLANET?
M.H 03 HERE I AM

...THAT'S BEEN CALLING TO ME.
YOU'RE... THE "VOICE"...
CONNEC-TION COMPLETE ...
HOW IS THIS HAPPENING ?

!!
WHY ARE YOU SHOWING ME THIS?
I'M SUPPOSED TO BE IN A HOSPITAL!!
WHAT'S HAPPENING TO ME?

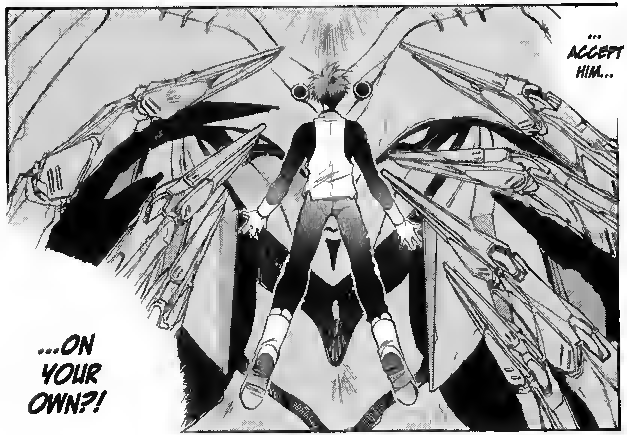
THE PLANET ?!
OH, NO NO! THE PLANET IS BREAKING APART?!
THE PLANET...!!

HUH? THE CONNECTION'S COMPLETE?
HOW IS IT POSSIBLE?
OHMIGOD! IT'S THE HIGHEST ALIGNMENT--LEVEL "BLUE"...!!
AND IT'S RISING! IT'S RISING?
I--I DON'T UNDERSTAND!
I'VE GOT TO DO SOMETHING!!
IF HE SLIPS INTO SUCH A DEEP PLACE..
...HE WON'T BE ABLE TO COME BACK!
!!!
YOU CAN'T GO IN THERE!!

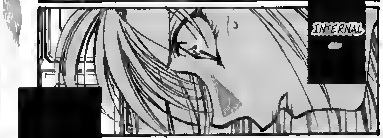
...WHO...?
HOW ARE YOU ABLE TO SEE THE SAME THINGS I SEE...?
WHO ARE YOU...?
CAN YOU SEE ME...?
HOW...

FROM THE INSIDE...?
THE LOCK WAS RELEASED...

DID YOU...
LEENA !!

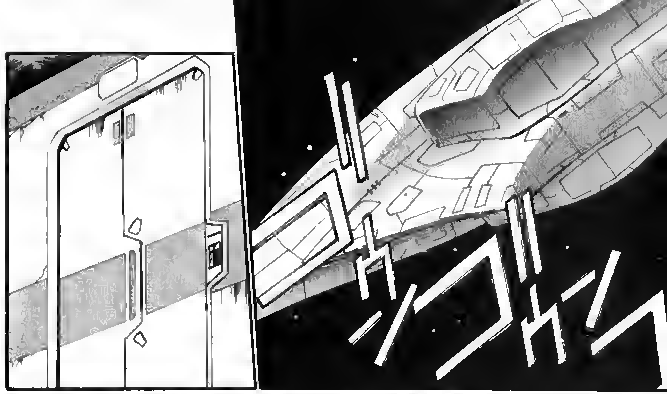

...ACCEPT HIM...
...ON YOUR OWN?!

ARE YOU ALSO A "CONSTRUCT"?

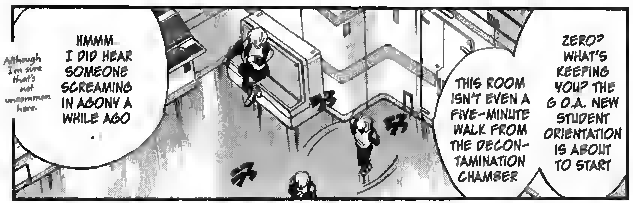

INTERNAL
POWER

JUST LIKE...
WE ARE...

YOU CAN'T GO IN THERE!



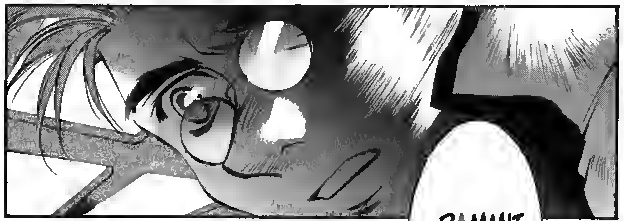
OOOOHHH. C'MON. C'MON. WHERE ARE YOU?


Although I'm sure that's not uncommon here.
HMMM. I DID HEAR SOMEONE SCREAMING IN AGONY A WHILE AGO.
THIS ROOM ISN'T EVEN A FIVE-MINUTE WALK FROM THE DECONTAMINATION CHAMBER
ZERO? WHAT'S KEEPING YOU? THE G.O.A. NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION IS ABOUT TO START

HEY, CANDIDATES, EVERYONE HERE?
BUT WE WON'T LAUGH. SO, IF HE ACTUALLY GOT LOST, THE JOKE WILL BE ON HIM.
Hmmm. This is really very interesting.
Of course, I'll be on time.
AND THEN HE DIDN'T KNOW WHICH WAY TO GO AND PROMPTLY GOT LOST.
AND WITH HIS NATURAL STUPIDITY, HE'LL TRY TO GET A LAUGH OUT OF US WITH AN OBVIOUS PUNCHLINE
KNOWING HIM, AS SOON AS HE LEFT THE DECONTAMINATION CHAMBER, HE COMPLETELY FORGOT WHAT HE WAS SUPPOSED TO DO

SIR!
ZERO-KUN ISN'T HERE.
THE CEREMONY'S ABOUT TO START.
Why aren't I surprised?
HOLD IT. "SIR?"
I'm not old enough to be a "Sir."

IF WE CAN'T FIND HIM, THEN EITHER HE'S SOMEHOW IN SPACE, OR...
THAT'S WHAT THOSE MARKINGS ARE FOR.
IF HE'S INSIDE G.O.A., WE HAVE TO BE ABLE TO FIND HIM.
SIR, I MEAN, INSTRUCTOR, WHAT DOES THAT MEAN?


...DAMMIT. "INSIDE" ...

...AN INGRID...

SO WHAT IS THAT IDIOT UP TO?!
PERSONALLY, I THINK IT MIGHT BE APPROPRIATE TO SAY THAT HE GOT LOST
BETWEEN THE DECON CHAMBER AND HERE? ONLY HIM!

TELL ME THE WHEREABOUTS OF CANDIDATE NUMBER 88, ZERO ENNA!
ROGER CANDIDATE NO 88 ZERD ENNA.
THIS IS FIRST RANK INSTRUCTOR AZUMA HIJIKATA!

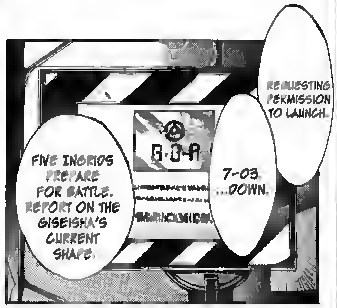
NO, NO-- EXPAND THE SEARCH!! LOOK FOR HIM AGAIN!!
...EXCUSE ME? SAY THAT AGAIN.

REPEAT. HE IS NOWHERE INSIDE G.O.A.

?!
--IS NOWHERE INSIDE G.O.A.
CANDIDATE NO. 88, ZERO ENNA--

AH.
WHA--? WAIT A SECOND! I'M STILL EATI...
LET'S GO, RIO!
EMERGENCY SITUATION!! EMERGENCY SITUATION!!
THE DISEISHA HAS APPEARED IN THE 35TH NE SECTOR
ALL HANDS PREPARE FOR EMER-GENCY BATTLE
!!
DISEISHA HAS APPEARED IN THE 35TH NE SECTOR
PILOTS TO YOUR BATTLE STATIONS! PREPARE INGRIDS FOR BATTLE
FIRST LEVEL CANDIDATES--
--STAND BY TO BOARD THE PRACTICE INGRIDS!!
Hell! Let's go
AAAAHH! MY--!
MY FOOD!
FOO-OOO-OOOO!
THE ATTACK DIDN'T COME AT A CONVENIENT TIME FOR YOU?
DAMMIT, RIO!
NEXT TIME, WE'LL ASK THE DISEISHA TO MAKE AN APPOINT-MENT!

ALL PREPARATIONS FOR BATTLE COMPLETE!!
ROGER.
RAISING BACKUP TO 40% ABOVE AVERAGE.
THIS IS THE PILOTS' SECOND BATTLE WITHOUT ANY REST.


FIVE INGRIDS PREPARE FOR BATTLE. REPORT ON THE GISEISHA'S CURRENT SHAPE.
7-03, ...DOWN.
REQUESTING PERMISSION TO LAUNCH.

TYPE D. INFORMATION UNKNOWN. EX UNCONFIRMED.

PILOTS WILL LAUNCH AFTER BOARDING, NORMAL LEVEL.
WE'LL REACH FUSION IN TEN MINUTES.
AGUI KEAMEIA, READY.
TELLIA KALLISTO, READY.
ALL INGRIDS READY.
LUHMA KLEIN... READY.

SO THE ATTACK...
...HAS FINALLY COME.

YOU AND I...
WE ARE NOW ONE.
DO NOT BE AFRAID.

ゴゴゴゴ
IT'S SO HOT.
EVERYTHING... SO HEAVY... IT HURTS...
OH, GOD --MY CHEST...
MY FINGERTIPS... THEY FEEL LIKE THEY'RE GOING TO BURN UP...
MY BODY...

I DON'T KNOW HOW.
GAR!!
LEENA !
A CANDIDATE KID IS INSIDE!!
VERY GOOD. NOW ALL THAT IS LEFT...
...IS TO OPEN YOUR EYES!!

!!

I...I CAN SEE!!

THE INGRID CAN'T MOVE UNLESS--
WHO IS IT!?! WHO'S INSIDE!?!

PLEASE HELP ME... SOME-THING'S WRONG
I SHOULDN'T BE IN HERE.
HOW DO I STOP IT?

UGH!!
!!
WAIT A MINUTE. ALIGNMENT LEVEL IS GOING DOWN!!

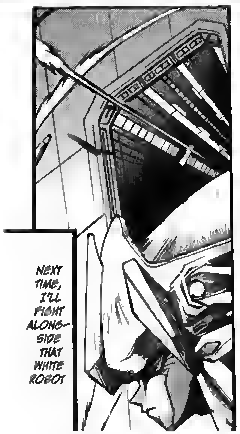
HEY! I'M OVER HERE...!!
STOP... I'M NOT INSIDE YET.
WHY ARE YOU MOVING?

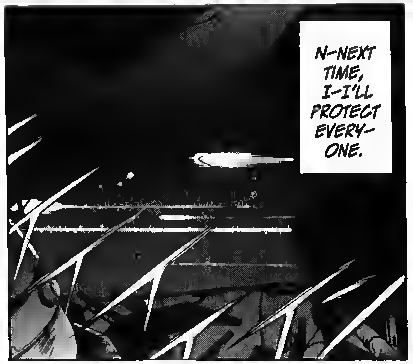
THIS IS IMPOSSI-BLE!
GAR!
I'M OVER HERE!!

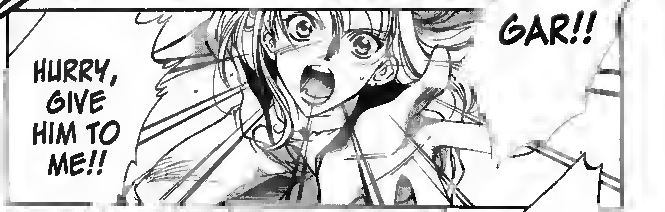
PILOTS TO BATTLE.
NO!! ABORT!
EEVA LEENA'S ALIGNMENT IS RED!!
THE HEAD SCANNER IS BLOCKED!!
30... 20... 10&!!
NOISE FROM THE Z'SKIN!!
ERROR!! COMPULSORY EJECT!!

HEY, PHIL-PHLEORA, I'M STILL HUNGRY...
DON'T WORRY, RIO. IF YOU COME BACK, I'LL GIVE YOU SOMETHING TO EAT
PROMISES, PROMISES
DON'T MOVE.
WHOEVER IT IS, HE'S ALREADY MOVING.
TUNE, WHEN'S THE LAUNCH?
COUNT-DOWN IS THREE MINUTES.
...YU, BE CAREFUL.
TWO MINUTES TO LAUNCH!!
PRIMARY FUSION.
PREPARE FOR SECONDARY FUSION.
PILOTS LINE UP IN THE INGRID AREA. SPREAD-ING BARRIER OVER GATES 12, 13 AND 14.

LAUNCH !!!
I'M... GOING TO BE A PILOT.
THIS IS IT, MOM.


NEXT TIME, I'LL FIGHT ALONGSIDE THAT WHITE ROBOT


N-NEXT TIME, I-I'LL PROTECT EVERY-ONE.


GAR!!
HURRY, GIVE HIM TO ME!!

LAUNCHING INTO SPACE.
TERTIARY FUSION COMPLETE.

PRO-ING

WHO IS THIS BOY?!
A PILOT...
I...
HOW IS IT POSSIBLE?

04 BATTLE
DISEISHA HAS APPEARED IN THE 35TH NE SECTOR!!
IT'S ADVANCING ON ZION!!
GOD, IT'S FAST!
IT'S REALLY FAST!!
ITS VELOCITY ... IS WAY OFF THE CHARTS ...
PREPARE FOR EMERGENCY BATTLE
YES, BUT SLOW DOWN!!
CANDI-DATES!! ARE YOU FOLLOW-ING ME!?
DAMMIT! THERE'S NOT EVEN TIME FOR THE NEW STUDENT ORIENTA-TION!!
THAT IS AN ORDER FROM YOUR INSTRUCTOR.
JUST DON'T GET IN THE WAY.
YOU SIT YOUR BUTTS DOWN AND COUNT OR SOMETHING!
WHAT DO WE DO THERE?!
GO FROM HERE TO THE PORT JUST PAST BLOCK TWO!!

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ALL INGRIDS WILL MAKE CONTACT WITH GISEISHA IN 180 SECONDS!!
NUMBER 4, AGUI KEAMEIA, OPEN THE BARRIER C.O.A. STAND BY OUTSIDE THE BARRIER
ALERT—
SHOCK-WAVE APPROACH-ING!!

MyH 04 BATTLE

I KNOW WHAT I'M SUPPOSED TO DO!
WORRY ABOUT YOURSELF!
DON'T WORRY I'LL COVER YOUR REAR!
GAR!!
GET IT IN ONE SHOT!!
WHAT'S GOING ON? THIS IS INSANE...!!
THAT CANDIDATE- WHAT DID HE--?
WHAT IS THIS...? THIS SENSING...
THESE PULSES AREN'T MINE.
ARE THEY... HERS?!

!!
THE GISEISHA SAW IT COMING?!
Scan
HOW?
MAN, IT'S FAST!!
RIO!!

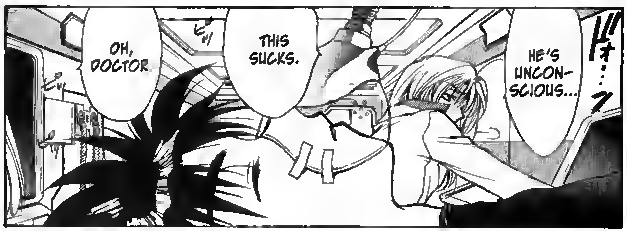
I DON'T WANT TO FIGHT!
...NO...
NUM-BER FIVE!!
UWA AAA AAH H!!
HELL! I MISSED!!
IT'S EVEN MORE DANGEROUS AT THIS RANGE!!
SWITCHING TO SHORT RANGE MODE!!
I DON'T WANT TO FIGHT...

トォォォン
G.O.A. GATE 1 HAS BEEN DAMAGED BY THE SHOCK WAVE.
SWITCH TO GATE 2 IMMEDIATELY!
CANDIDATES! GET YOUR PRO-INGS READY FOR BATTLE
THE GODDESSES ARE ENGAGED IN BATTLE. ONCE IN SPACE BACK THEM UP!
TWO!
ONE!
SOUND OFF!! FROM NUMBER ONE TO NUMBER FIVE.
...NO...
NUM-BER FIVE!!
FOUR!
THREE!
NUMBER FIVE. SOUND OFF!!

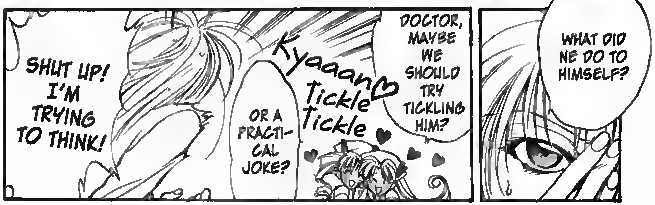
CANDIDATES 89 AND 87, SENT HERE BY INSTRUCTOR AZUMA.
DO WE HAVE PERMISSION TO ENTER?
I can't believe two more!
?!!
WAAH!
AZUMA SENT YOU?

PATIENT?
DOCTORS SHOULDN'T SAY DAMN!
GGGRRRRR!!!
THAT DAMN INSTRUCTOR!
Calm down!
HE'S ALWAYS ALWAYS ALWAYS ALWAYS ALWAYS SENDING ME PEOPLE LIKE THAT LAST PATIENT! THIS IS NOT SOME KIND OF REFUGE...DAMN, STUPID JERK!

LEENA LOOKED PALE WHEN SHE BROUGHT HIM HERE. WHAT DO YOU THINK HAPPENED?
NOTHING'S WRONG WITH HIM PHYSICALLY
AT MOST, HE'S GOT A FEW MINOR BRUISES FROM THE COCKPIT'S MANDATORY EJECT..
SICK BAY


OH, DOCTOR.
THIS SUCKS.
HE'S UNCONSCIOUS...

WE'VE BEEN TRYING TO WAKE HIM UP, BUT NOTHING WORKS
HE WENT INTO THE DEEP PLACE.
THIS REALLY SUCKS.
AH, HOW NAIVE.


SHUT UP! I'M TRYING TO THINK!
OR A PRACTICAL JOKE?
Kyaaan♡ Tickle Tickle
DOCTOR, MAYBE WE SHOULD TRY TICKLING HIM?
WHAT DID HE DO TO HIMSELF?

ZERO ?!
HUH...?
WHAT HAPPENED...?
I WAS IN THE COCKPIT, THEN...
RIGHT, RIGHT, I REMEMBER
THIS IS MY HOME COLONY...
Step

"ME..."
FIND ...

WHAT ?!
ZERO !!
HE'S AWAKE!!
WH-WHO?!
WH-WHERE IS SHE?!
H-HEY, CALM DOWN!
WHERE DID SHE GO?!
WHO ?!
Zero, what happened to you?
U--
WAH!

CANDIDATE ENNA, YOU SHOULD BE MORE RESPECTFUL TO THE PERSON WHO WOKE YOU UP!!
KYUUU
THAT GIRL !!
G.O.A.? ...
OWW... HUH...? THIS IS...
I WAS IN THE BLUE INGRID...
HUH? WHY AM I HERE?
I...GOT LOST WHEN I LEFT DECON ...
...THEN I ENDED UP...YOU WON'T BELIEVE IT.

YOU!
You again?
IS THIS TRUE?! YOU WERE INSIDE THE INGRID?!
HEY! THAT HURTS! LET GO!!
UWAH!
ANSWER ME!!
OWW WWW WWW ...
Guh!
THAT HURTS !!

!
KAH!
WA—

HEY! GO AHEAD AND FIGHT IF YOU WANT TO...
...JUST LEAVE ME OUT OF IT!!
SORRY.
BUT THIS CREEP...
...HE'S ALWAYS, ALWAYS ATTACK-ING ME.
AND I'M SICK OF IT!
LISTEN, MAN, I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOUR PROBLEM IS...
...BUT I'M GONNA TAKE YOU DOWN!
GIVE IT YOUR BEST, JERK.

BOTH OF YOU, STOP IT!!
IT'S A WASTE TO USE MY EX ON THIS GUY TWICE...
...BUT I GUESS I HAVE TO!
!!

YOU... AND I...
WE'RE THE SAME.
HOW— DID YOU BLOCK ME?
ONLY THE ONES WITH THIS ABILITY...
...CAN BECOME ...
...TRUE "GOD-DESSES."
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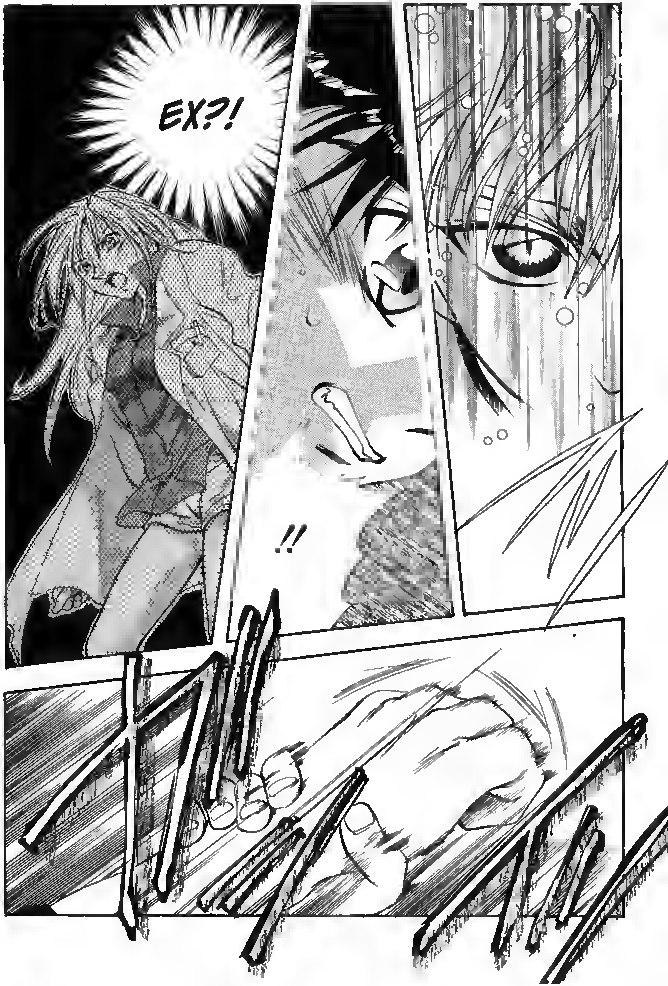
PRO-LOGUE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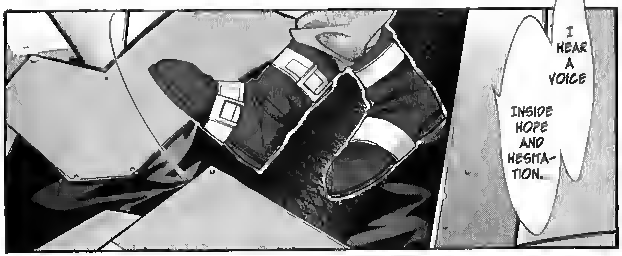
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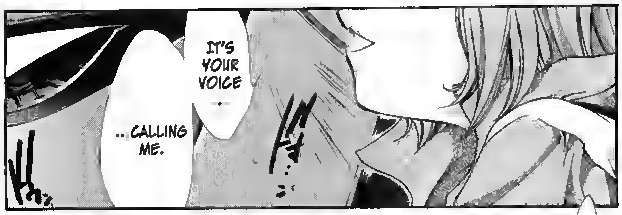
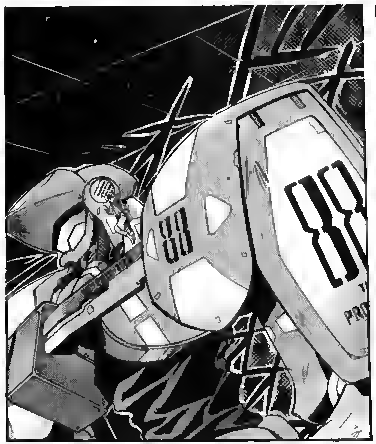
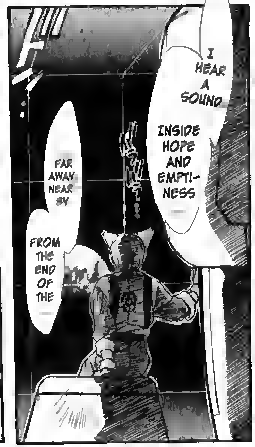
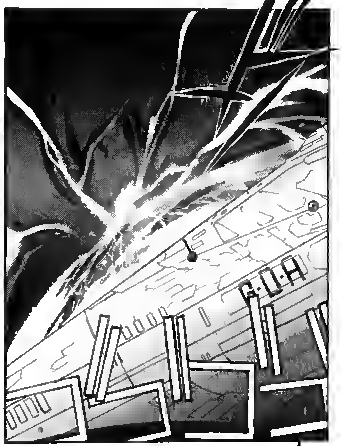
INSIDE HOPE AND HESITA-TION...


IT'S YOUR VOICE
.. CALLING ME.



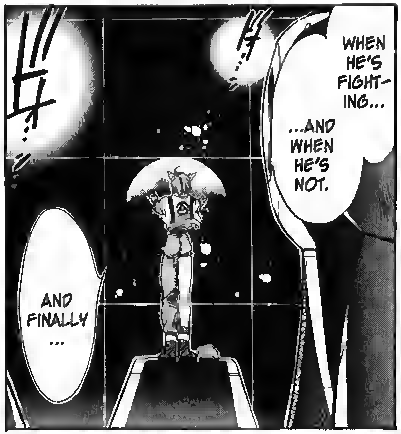

I HEAR A SOUND
INSIDE HOPE AND EMPTI-NESS
FAR AWAY, NEAR BY
FROM THE END OF THE


G.U.H

?
WHERE'S KIZNA-SAN?

BUT WILL IT BE ME--
--OR YOU?

I THINK HE'S A GREAT GUY!
WHAT YOU THINK OF HIM, HUH?
I MEAN ZERO!


AND FINALLY ...
...AND WHEN HE'S NOT.
WHEN HE'S FIGHTING...

THE SAME AS THE PILOT.
BECAUSE... YOU AND I WILL SEE THE SAME THINGS.

Pat
IT'S ALL RIGHT.
DON'T BE AFRAID.
I'M WITH YOU.

...
ON THAT PLANET...
GWAAHH!!

YU! BEHIND YOU!!
GYAAAAAAAAHH!!

WHO ARE THE ONES WHO WILL RECEIVE THE SACRED JUDGMENT?
...WE MIGHT BE TRYING TO DO SOMETHING TERRIBLY WRONG.
WE...
FIRST!! FINISH IT OFF!!

US...?

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